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# Q&A pricing drop-in hosted by RDS and eDRIS

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# About Research Data Scotland



Making it faster and simpler  
to access Scotland's public  
sector data for research

Enabling new insights with linked data  
attracting new research investment to  
Scotland

Saving time, money and lives

# Our partners and stakeholders



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# Scottish integrated data infrastructure

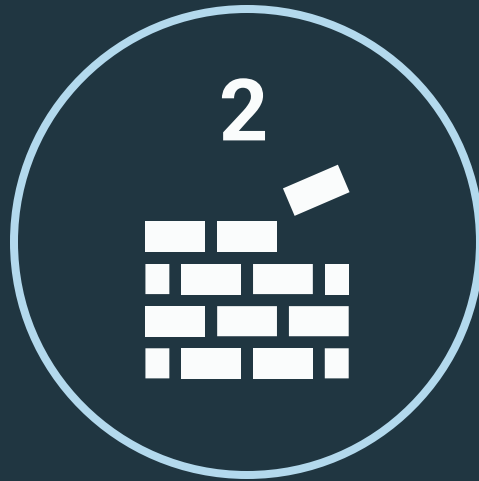


# Our business plan

Our business plan for 2025-26 continues to focus on four key themes:



**Aligning  
approaches,  
demonstrating  
trustworthiness**



**Shaping and  
delivering  
researcher  
services**



**Unlocking  
Scotland's  
data**



**A sustainable  
system**

# About eDRIS



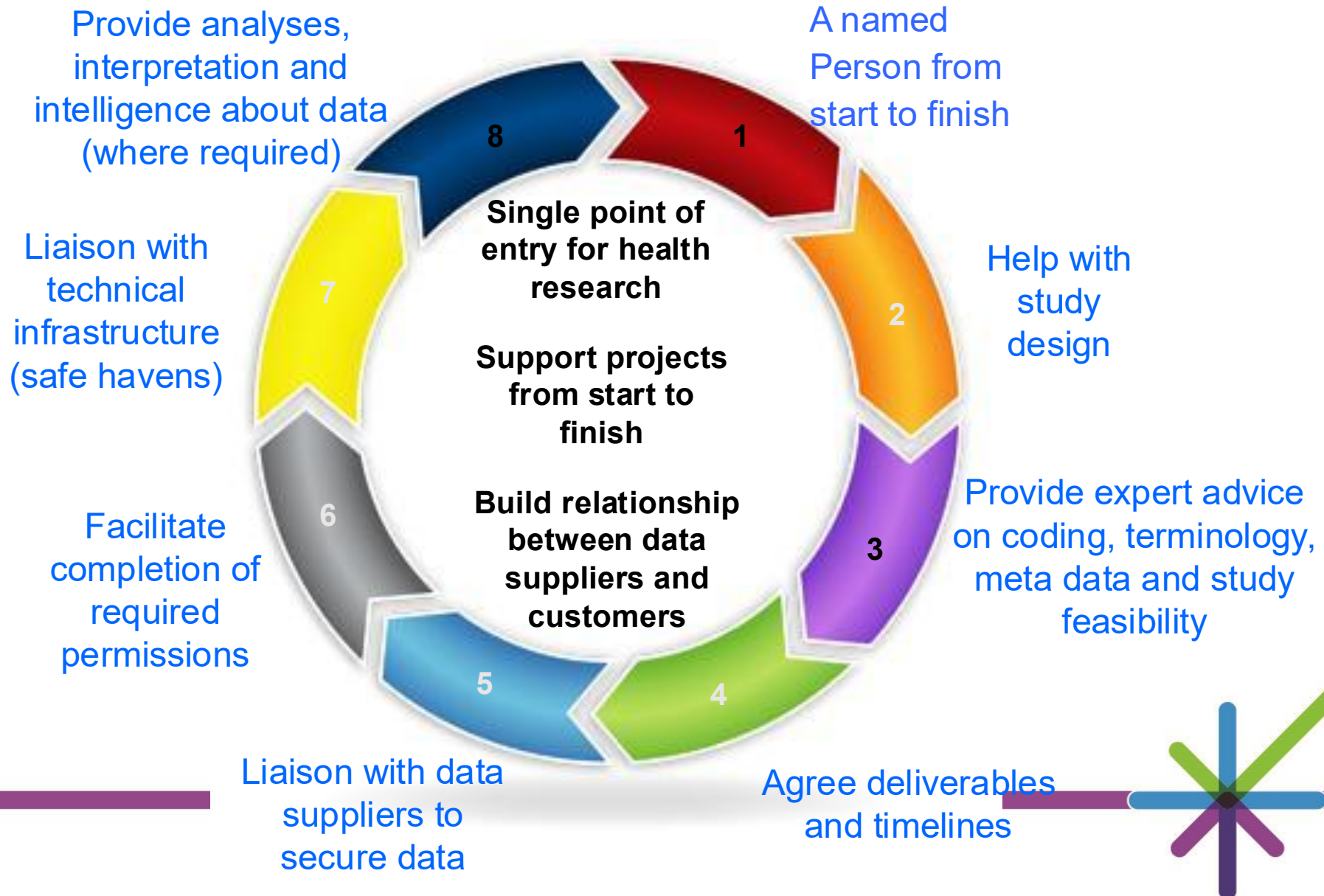
# What is eDRIS?



**eDRIS is a Public Health Scotland service providing coordination and expert advice to support researchers wishing to work with health, social and administrative data to make research more efficient, easier, save time and encourage better research**



# eDRIS Services include....



# Pricing



# Joint blog with eDRIS setting out the reasons for changing the pricing model



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## Changes to prices for accessing Scottish datasets



**By Professor Roger Halliday, CEO of Researcher Data Scotland and Carole Morris, Head of Service at Public Health Scotland**

# Changes to prices for accessing Scottish datasets

- To be aware, from 1 April 2025 there is a new sustainable pricing model in place, resulting in a price increase
- Costs cover the services we (RDS & partners) provide such as advice on data availability / linkage, technical infrastructure – **NOT** for the data itself
- one-off step change in pricing structure to bring our system to a level where it is covering costs.
- Component pricing introduced – only pay for what you need

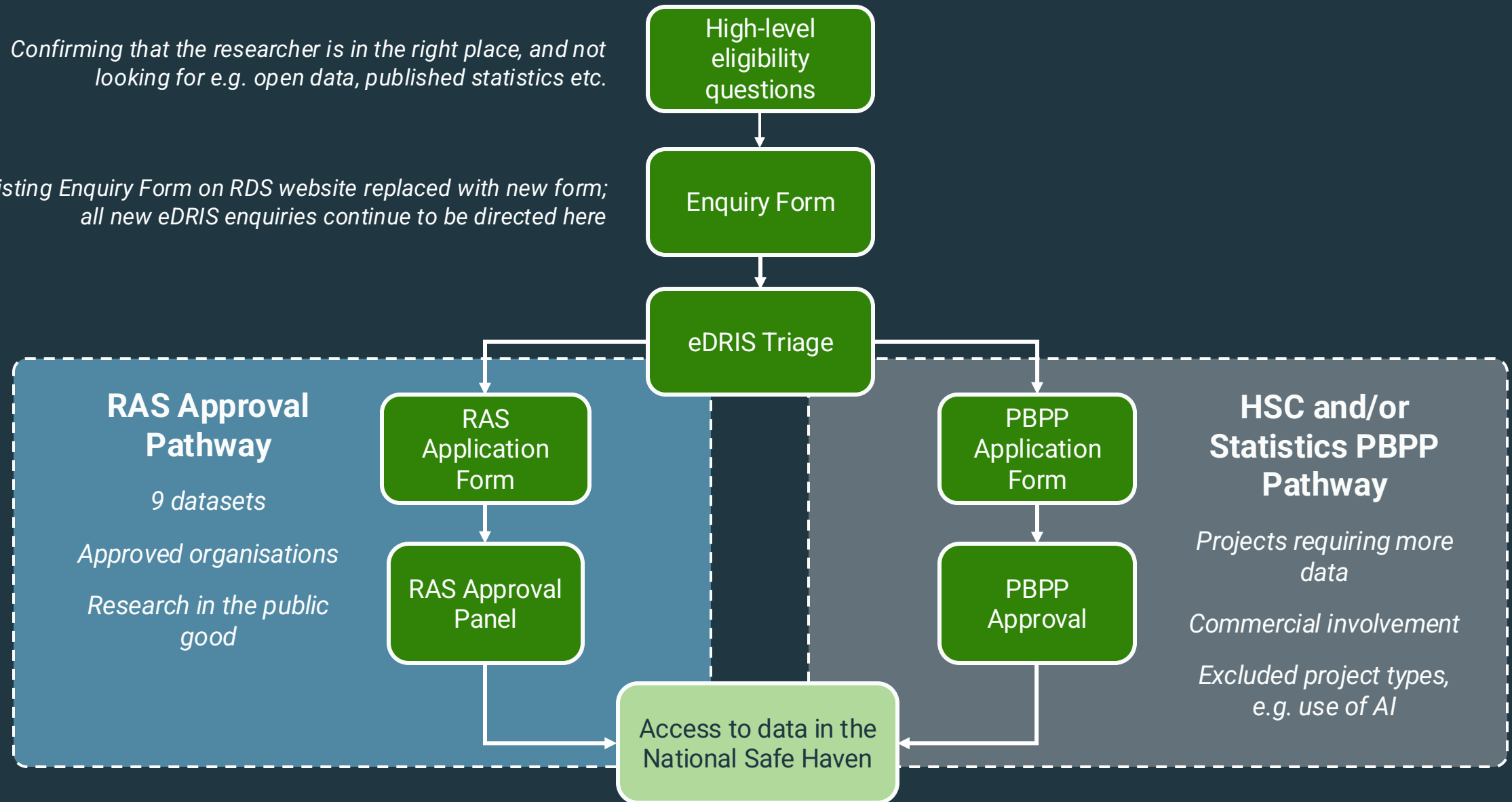
## Poll question

- Is bespoke /component pricing system something you have experienced when accessing datasets elsewhere?
- Yes
- No

# Data Access Services in the National Safe Haven

*Confirming that the researcher is in the right place, and not looking for e.g. open data, published statistics etc.*

*Existing Enquiry Form on RDS website replaced with new form; all new eDRIS enquiries continue to be directed here*



# Evolution of the Researcher Access Service

	Version 1 2024	Version 2 2025	Version 3 2026	Version 4 2027
No. datasets	9	~30	~100	~200
Geography	Scot wide	Scot wide	Scotland + local	Scotland + local
Topics	Health	Health Children Census Veterans	Detailed health Children Census Social care Welfare Justice	Detailed health Children Census Social care Welfare/work Justice Business
Analysis types	Statistical	Statistical	Statistical Geospatial	Statistical Geospatial

# SNSH Dataset availability

- New in catalogue/recently updated
- Researcher Access Service dataset
- SG Data with Policy Impact Events

Datasets from:

\*



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ADR  
SCOTLAND



Public Health  
Scotland



National  
Records of  
Scotland

## In National Safe Haven

## In development

## Future plans

### Health & Social Care

Medical imaging	GP demographics	
NRS births & deaths	NHS 24	
Scottish Cancer Registry	Mental Health	
Hospital inpatients	Maternity	Outpatients
Community Pharmacy Prescribing	A&E	

Scottish Immunisation Research System	
Child Health System Pre-School	SCI - Diabetes
Scottish Linked Congenital Conditions	
Scottish Intensive Care Society Audit Group	
Vaccinations	Hospital & Home Prescribing
Mental Health Inpatient Census*	GP data

Adult Social Care	Family/Nurse Partnership
Genomics	Diagnostics
NHS Laboratories	Scottish Care Home Census*
Health & Care Experience Survey (HACE)	
Social Care in the Community (SOURCE)	

### Education

Pupil census*	PISA*
Looked after children*	Child protection*
Attendance/absence and exclusions*	
SQA National Qualifications*	
School leavers*	ACEL*

SQA Additional Qualifications*
LEO: Earnings/welfare for University students*
Growing up in Scotland*
Various Education dataset updates*

LEO for Scottish college students & apprentices*
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### Other

Farm structure survey*	2001 & 2011 Census
Scottish Longitudinal Study	
Equalities Protected Characteristics	
Service Leavers Database - Scotland*	

Home energy efficiency*	
Offenders index*	NRS 2022 census

Poverty	Child Welfare Payments (SSS)
Geospatial*	Health survey*
Crime & Justice survey*	Household survey*
House Condition survey*	RAPID

# What does this actually mean?

- ✓ Single entry point – remains the same
- ✓ eDRIS will triage the query as before
- ✓ **The component model pricing leads to a bespoke quote**
- ✓ backwards and forwards to ensure the researcher receives the right data for their work



Q&A



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